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Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Section 12. Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation

1. At its 31st and 32nd meetings, on 1 June 1991, the Committee considered section 12 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Discussion

2. Some delegations noted the difficulty encountered in identifying outputs in this section, while others recognized that the activities proposed were, by their nature, difficult to programme. Some delegations expressed concern that technical cooperation activities were being spread too thin.

3. Some delegations were of the opinion that activities related to technical cooperation should be financed by extrabudgetary resources. Other delegations felt that the level of regular budget financing for these activities should be increased in order to ensure that they were placed on a sound and assured footing. Some other delegations referred to the fact that collection of assessed contributions was less encouraging than collection of pledged voluntary contributions.

4. One delegation noted with concern that the activities of the Environment programme were not treated separately under Sectoral Advisory Services. The same delegation also expressed regrets over the fact that no resource growth was proposed for these activities which were aimed at assisting developing countries.

5. Some delegations stressed that the technical cooperation for developing countries aspect in the subprogramme on sectoral advisory services should be emphasized.

6. Some delegations queried the interfacing of these activities with the United Nations Development Programme and sought assurance that there would be no overlapping and duplication of efforts in this regard.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. The Committee recommended that activities related to the Environment programme should be included separately under Sectoral Advisory Services.

8. The Committee took note of section 12 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.